

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 11-2006

DATE: May 3, 2006

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Rudolph; Committee Members Petroskey; Wickman; Hansen;
New Committee Member Gary L. Baier; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Eckardt;
DNR Liaison Forester Oradei; Other Attendees: Les Felbab;
Ken Kortenhof; John Pfeifer; Tom Handrick

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA OF PRESENT MEETING—The agenda of the present meeting was approved on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 5, & 17, 2006 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 5, & 17, 2006 Forestry Committee meetings. Motion carried.

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION:

a) MONTHLY REPORT BY JOHN PFEIFER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES & BUDGET. John Pfeifer gave a verbal report of advertising and promotion activities, stating that for the period of Jan.—April 2006, there was a 40% increase in web site traffic from that same time frame in 2005. John Pfeifer also stated that the web site is in the process of being updated with seasonal items and links. John Pfeifer also distributed a cover to The Daily News paper depicting tourism ads. A new Oneida County Tourism book / brochure should be produced in the future. Chairman Rudolph asked for a written summary sheet of advertising and promotion activities for future reports.

b) Update of Advertising Ad Hoc Committee by Guy Hansen, Chairman. Guy Hansen reported that the Advertising Ad Hoc Committee set goals such as development of a unified tourism group and leadership, along with a “brand name”, and marketing. The Ad Hoc Committee also recognized funding and staff requirements as obstacles in meeting their goals. Committee Member Wickman had several questions about the Ad Hoc Committee that Guy Hansen answered. Committee Member Gary Baier stated that he was a member of the advertising group with the Wisconsin Counties Association and that advertising group and the Advertising Ad Hoc Committee would benefit from coordination of effort, etc.

HIGHWAY O SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE:

a) Update from CWEA on progress of Hwy. O Snowmobile Bridge. Forest Director John Bilogan received an update from Sean Spromberg with CWEA and stated that contracts had been signed and let out. John Bilogan also informed that Committee that an additional \$45,000.00 had been approved from the WDNR for the Hwy. O Snowmobile Bridge project.

TOMAHAWK RIVER BRIDGE:

a) Open bids and possibly award bid. Six bids were received and recorded. (A copy of the bid results are attached hereto and made part of these minutes.) Performance Concrete, Inc. of Wausau, WI submitted a bid of \$9,521.55, which was the low bid and awarded as the successful bid for the Tomahawk River Bridge ReDeck Project, pending John Bilogan's review to make sure bid specs were met and reference checks, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey. Included in the motion was that if the low bidder doesn't check out, then to proceed to the second low bid / bidder. Motion carried.

(Committee Member Baier asked to be excused for a few minutes to take care of some Planning & Zoning Committee business. Chairman Rudolph asked for a short recess.)

MISCELLANEOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT ALMON PARK (PRUNING / PLANTING).—Bilogan explained that some miscellaneous park improvements at Almon Park were in order, as follows: Todd's Tree Service for pruning trees in the amount of \$3,900.00 and Birchfield Nurseries for some Balsam trees, and a crab tree, in the amount of \$2,880.00. It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to approve the pruning and planting invoices as stated above. Motion carried. Discussion ensued on the possibility of having a tour of Almon Park in conjunction with the June 7, 2006 Forestry Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 911 TOWER IN WILLOW AREA.—Emergency Management Director, Ken Kortenhof, was in attendance to explain the reason of enhanced 911 services as the need for the tower in the Willow area. Three draft options / locations were presented. Ken Kortenhof preferred option 3. The Committee preferred option 1. However, the various options still have to be approved by the Planning & Zoning Committee, after which a joint resolution between the Emergency Management Committee and the Forestry Committee will be prepared. Hearing this, it was moved by Wickman, seconded by Hansen, to approve the proposals in concept for a new tower in the Willow area, noting their first choice as option 1, and their second choice as option 3. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM 4-H CLUB LEADER FOR PERMISSION TO PLACE FLOWER BOXES AT ALMON PARK ENTRANCE.—Kathy Winkler, 4-H Leader for the Clover All Over 4-H Club, requested permission to place flower boxes made by the 4-Hers to be placed at Almon Park entrance. It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to grant this request. Motion carried.

TIMBER SALE(S) FOR DISPOSITION—Contract # 1427 held by Wiitala Vozka Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed, and return full Letter of Credit (\$7,936.00) on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Baier. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS IF NECESSARY—The following vouchers were approved for payment on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey: A-1 Septic Service \$71.90; Oneida County Highway \$415.01; Scenic Signs \$280.30; CWEA \$2,000.00. Motion carried. The following blanket purchase orders were approved for payment on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey: Wisconsin Public Service \$382.67; Frontier—Rhinelander \$42.00. Motion carried. No line item transfers.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—Discuss unauthorized large assemblies in the county forest. Discuss trail pass issues with Corporation Counsel. Attendance of WCFA Summer Tour June 29-30 in Sawyer Co.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab stated that a lot of towers were being placed on private land. Enhanced 911 services are important. Gary Baier stated that he feels he is qualified to be on the Forestry Committee. Chairman Rudolph stated “the Lakeland Times Newspaper had quoted me as saying words I did not say. I never said that Baier was not qualified. Those were the reporter’s words, not mine.”

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:24 p.m., it was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

THOMAS RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY